



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

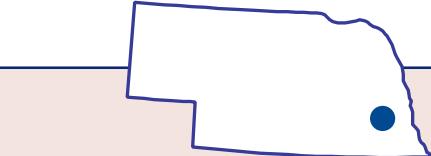
Lincoln, NE

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Lincoln was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Lincoln, with a population of 225,581, lies within the Platte River Valley in southeastern Nebraska. Its population has been growing since the early 1990s, with minorities accounting for almost 40 percent of new residents. The target area includes 41.7 acres in the center of Lincoln's urban inner core, which had been a vibrant business district for over 50 years. It began declining five years ago as businesses closed or relocated, and left behind abandoned and vacant properties. The area has lost large automobile sales and service dealerships that may have left solvents and other contaminants that could find their way into the soil and groundwater. Now 40



Assessment Grant

New
2005

\$128,200 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Lincoln for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct from eight to ten Phase I site assessments and up to six Phase II site assessments, and plan remedial actions for a 41.7-acre site located in the urban inner core of the city. Funds also will be used for community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/Region7/citizens/brownfields/index.htm>

Grant Recipient: City of Lincoln, NE
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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

percent vacant, the area is characterized by deteriorated and unusable structures. In addition, the target area lacks stormwater capacity, resulting in flooding on and adjacent to the area. Commercial land and residences surround the target area, and will benefit from redevelopment with improved livability, job creation, reduction in crime, and an increase in property values.